GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRAPRADESH
ABSTRACT

PUBLIC SERVICES – Finance Department – Treasuries and Accounts (Gazetted) Service - Krishna District – Surprise check conducted by ACB authorities at Divisional Sub Treasury, Bandar on 03-07-2020 — Certain discrepancies noticed by the ACB authorities in DDO Current Account of Divisional Sub Treasury, Bandar – Departmental Proceedings initiated against Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District under Rule 20 of APCS (CC&A) Rules, 1991 — Article of charge – Issued – Explanation Called for – Reg.

FINANCE (ADMN.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Rt. No. 97 **Date: 27.04.2022**

Read the following:-

ORDER:

1. It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District and presently Finance Officer, Dr NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (CC&A) Rules,1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior, in respect of which the inquiry is proposed to be held, is set out in the enclosed statement of articles of charge (Annexure-I). A statement of imputations in support of the Articles of Charge is enclosed. A list of documents by which, the articles of charge are proposed to be sustained is also enclosed in Annexure-II.

3. Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District and presently Finance Officer, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada is directed to submit his written statement of defense within 10 days of the receipt of the order.

4. Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District and presently Finance Officer, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada is informed that an inquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges, which are not admitted. He should, therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District and presently Finance Officer, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada is further informed that, if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in para-3 above, or otherwise fails or refuses to comply with the provisions of Rule 20 of the AP Civil Services (CC&A) Rules, 1991 or the orders/directions in pursuance of the said rules, the inquiry will be held against him, ex-parte.

6. Attention of Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District and presently Finance Officer, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada is invited to Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside infuence to bear upon any superior authority to further his/her interests in respect of matters pertaining to his/her service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it

will be presumed that Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District and presently Finance Officer, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

7. He is specifically informed that this memo does not preclude the disciplinary authority to frame fresh charges, if any further irregularity noticed during the course of disciplinary action. The receipt of the memorandum shall be acknowledged.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District and presently Finance Officer, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada through Director of Treasuries and Accounts, A.P, Vijayawada.
Copy to
The Director of Treasuries and Accounts, AP, Vijayawada.
SF/SC's (1183478)

28/04/22

//FORWARDED :: BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER

O/C

ANNEXURE-I

Statement of articles of charge framed against Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District and presently Finance Officer, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayayadada, Krishna District.

Article-I :

That the said Sri V. Naga Mahesh, Finance Officer, Dr. NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, Krishna District while working as Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District due to his slack supervision, failed to detect the misappropriation of Government funds by the STO- I namely Sri S.N. Malleswara Rao, the then Sub Treasury Officer, Bandar, Krishna District even though he conducted annual inspection on 21.08.2019, thus the loss was sustained to Government exchequer. He, thereby, failed to discharge his duties as a responsible Government Servant, exhibited misconduct, and thus violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Basis of the Charge:

The ACB authorities have conducted a surprise check on 03-07- 2020 on the office of the Sub Treasury Office, Bandar, Machilipatnam, Krishna District and found certain discrepancies in the DDO Current Account of Sub Treasury Office, Bandar. Further they have reported that regarding the event of death of pensioners, if the family members of the pensioners not reported the death intimation to the treasury, the STO- I namely Sri S.N. Malleswara Rao used to process the pension bills as if he is alive, whenever the treasury officials received the death intimation, they will address the bank authorities to return the pension amounts and the same amount has to be remitted back to the Government through challan by the STO- I. But the STO- I used to credit the DD/ BC received from concerned bank into his DDO account deliberately. Sri S.N. Malleswara Rao, Sub Treasury Officer used to draw/transfer such amounts by way of issuing self cheques/third party cheques wrongfully to his personal uses and caused misappropriation of huge amounts of Government funds.

Further, on verification of the reports furnished by the Deputy Director (FAC), District Treasury, Krishna vide Lr. Dtd: 24/07/2020 & 12/10/2020 it is noticed that Sri S.N. Malleswara Rao, STO-I, Sub Treasury Bandar, who is the DDO and Head of the Office, had intentionally violated the rules and procedures in processing the pension claims, and deliberately deviated refunding procedure of Government money due to excess payment of pensions by crediting them to the DDO current account and thus committed misappropriation of public money from DDO Account for his personal use. Further, the Sub Treasury Officer has also not properly maintained the Pension Registers viz., New PPO watch Register, Additions / Deletions watch Register, Death cum Refund Watch Rgister, Excess payment Watch Register, Death Relief Watch Register, Family pension conversion Watch Register etc.

As per the guidelines regarding inspection of Sub- Treasuries, mentioned in para 27.1, 27.9(4), Chapter XXVII, Part-I & Para No. 52, Chapter.9, Annexure-V, Part-II of AP Treasuries & Accounts Functionary Manual read with SR-12, TR-5 of AP Treasury code, volume- I, the Deputy Director, District Treasury concerned should conduct periodical/annual inspection over the sub-treasuries and such inspection should be critical and minutely examined to elicit if there is any serious financial irregularity or misappropriation or embezzlement of Government funds. Also the Government vide

Memo No 34021/8/A1/HR.V/2018, Finance (HR.V) Dept., Dt.22-02-2018 have issued certain instructions to avoid Mis-use of Refund Pension DDs.

However, Sri V. Naga Mahesh the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna, though conducted annual inspection on 21.08.2019, as a supervisory Officer, he has not paid much attention while checking the irregular maintenance of primary records such as Cash Book, Refund watch Register, Death intimation Report Register etc., he just certified the DDOs current account statement issued by the Bank authorities without exercising any cross checks in accordance with audit procedures. Due his slack supervision, he failed to detect the misappropriation of Government funds by Sri S.N. Malleswara Rao, the then Sub Treasury Officer, Bandar.

Thus, Sri V. Naga Mahesh who worked as Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna, has failed to detect the misappropriation of government funds, thus huge amounts loss sustained to Government exchequer. He, thereby, failed to discharge his duties as a responsible Government Servant, exhibited misconduct, and thus violated Rule 3 of APCS (Conduct) Rules 1964.

Thus the Charge.

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

ANNEXURE-II

List of Documents by which the articles of charge framed against Sri V. Naga Mahesh, the then Deputy Director, District Treasury, Krishna District and presently Finance Officer, Dr NTR University of Health Sciences, Vijayawada, sustain.

1. Lr. Rc.No.A3/2230/2020, dt 24.07.2020 of the Deputy Director (FAC), District Treasury, Krishna.
2. Extract of Lr. No. DD, DTO (K)/01/2020, dt. 12.10.2020 of the Deputy Director (FAC), District Treasury, Krishna .
3. Annual Inspection Report Dt. 21.08.2019.
4. Govt. Memo No.34021/8/A1/HR.V/2018 of Finance (HR.V) Dept., Dt.22-02-2018.

SHAMSHER SINGH RAWAT
SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT